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Ernest J. Wylie  
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Dear Mr. Wylie:

Our recent inspections on Navajo and Laguna Tribal and Allotted lands have shown that many uranium operators are disregarding the Survey's accepted procedures concerning exploration drilling and hole abandonment. This has resulted in complaints by local residents and on occasion in unsafe conditions. This type of activity will not be allowed.

Specific violations will be handled individually, but I would like to reiterate the acceptable procedures to all operators at this time. Most of the enclosed procedures have long been our policy but a few new procedures have been developed to eliminate recent problems.

Please insure that your future activities follow all of these procedures. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Area Mining Supervisor

Enclosure